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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Will the Hon. the Chief Minister assure this House that in the matter of recruitment to the Police Force, the communal Government Order of the Madras State is strictly adhered to? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The communal Government Order to which the hon. Member has made reference, has been vacated by the judgment of the Supreme Court. There is now a reservation scheme for Backward Classes and Scheduled Castes. If a separate question is put, I can answer. Just now I am not able to say whether the Police Department is covered by it or not."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMY NAYAGAR :—" May I know, Sir, the names of the Sub-Inspectors reverted in South Arcot district and the communities to which they belong? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" If the hon. Member wants the names of the persons reverted, I am sorry I cannot oblige him straightway. But even if the hon. Member intends to put a question later, I would ask him not to ask for names. What is the object in knowing the names? "

Panchayat court at Pudukkottai town.

* 104 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Law be pleased to state—

(a) whether a panchayat court was functioning in Pudukkottai Town prior to the merger of the State and some time after merger;

(b) whether it has ceased to function for some years past; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR :—" (a) to (c) The Government have no information but have called for it."

Protected water-supply scheme for Uravakonda town.

* 105 Q.—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the scheme of protected water-supply to Uravakonda town, I Grade Panchayat in Anantapur district, has finally been sanctioned;

(b) whether the scheme has been included in the year 1952–53 for execution;

(c) what are the important details of the sanctioned scheme including the cost of the scheme, the ultimate population that will be served and the number of gallons per head;

(d) the amount of grant that the Government propose to give the panchayat; and

(e) when the execution of the scheme will commence?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) The sanctioned scheme with Hagari river as the source had to be abandoned as tests held during investigation indicated salinity of water. Other possibilities are under consideration of Government.

" (*b*) to (*e*) These questions do not arise."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister received any representation from the public and the members of the panchayat when he visited Uravakonda during the time of the last Ministry? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI G. YALLAMANDA REDDI :—" What are the conditions for the grant of money to water-supply schemes for the panchayat boards where there is a chronic scarcity of water? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The panchayat board pays what it can out of its funds and the Government bear the rest of the expenditure."

SRI C. PULLA REDDI :—" May I know, Sir, what are the other schemes that are under consideration for the supply of water to this town of Uravakonda, which is the one town that is the worst sufferer in regard to water-supply? "

THE HON SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Chief Engineer thinks that it would be possible to develop the water-supply from the high level canal of the Tungabhadra Project, which will be running near Uravakonda. The investigation of this canal has been sanctioned, but execution has not yet been taken up, because it has to be included in the Supplementary Five-Year Plan by the Planning Commission."

SRI S. NARAYANAPPA :—" May I know, Sir, whether the previous Public Health Minister has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 30,000 to be spent before March 1952? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The scheme cannot be taken up because the water is saline."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" In view of the fact that Uravakonda is very badly in need of drinking water, and especially in summer, the people have to go to a number of villages for getting water, and also in view of the fact that the high level canal cannot be taken up for execution for some years to come, will the Government take some immediate steps to see that some other plan is adopted to supply drinking water to Uravakonda on a permanent basis? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The engineers are not able to suggest any other scheme."